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Gratuity to retired Commissioner of Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments

* 1825 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) the amount of gratuity and other retirement benefits given to the persons who retired from the post of the Commissioner of Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments prior to the present incumbent; and

(b) on what basis the benefits were conferred and under what rules?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—“(a) & (b) Under rule (1) of the rules framed under section 104 (2) of the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1951, if the President or any other member of the ex-Hindu Religious Endowment Board is appointed as a Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner, he shall not be eligible for any pension but he shall be eligible for a gratuity not exceeding one month's emoluments for each completed year of service as calculated from the date of his entertainment as the President or as a member of the Board. With reference to this rule Sri T. M. Chinnayya Pillai who was the only person who retired from the post of Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Administration) Department was paid a retiring gratuity of Rs. 9,600. This amount was calculated on the basis of one month's salary of Rs. 1,200 for each of the eight complete years of service to the credit of Sri Chinnayya Pillai.”

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Social Welfare Centres

186 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Social Welfare Centres in the City of Madras;

(b) the total amount of aid given by the Central Government through the Central Social Welfare Board;

(c) the amount of aid granted by the State Government to each of the institutions;

(d) the number of Women's Welfare Centres among them;
and

(e) the number of institution specialising in the welfare of delinquents and the physically and mentally handicapped?

A.—(a) Fifty-one Social Welfare Centres.

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- (b) A grant of Rs. 2,26,500 has been sanctioned for 1953-54 for 67 institutions in the State.
- (c) Tiruchi Seva Sangam, Tiruchirappalli, is the only institution getting a grant of Rs. 1,440 per annum.
- (d) Sixty-seven institutions in the State received grants during 1953-54 from the Central Social Welfare Board directly as the State Social Welfare Advisory Board had not been formed then. Nine Women's Welfare Institutions received grant from the Central Social Welfare Board, out of the sixty-seven mentioned against clause (b) above.
- (e) Seven institutions in the City of Madras.

Thirumandhamkunnu temple, Walluvanad taluk

187 Q.—SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether the management of Thirumandhamkunnu temple and Devaswam in Walluvanad taluk has been handed over to anybody by the Commissioner for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments recently;

(b) if so, to whom and on which date;

(c) the reasons for and the conditions on which the management was handed over;

(d) the assets of the Devaswam including cash at hand and stocks of paddy, etc., as well as other movables on that date;

(e) the dues from the tenants of the Devaswam at the time of handing over the management;

(f) whether any complaint had been made to the police by the person in charge of the properties under the Commissioner for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments just a few days before handing over the charge and whether any investigation was made by the police on that complaint; and

(g) if so, the nature of the complaint and the result thereof?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) Yes. The management of the temple was handed over to the hereditary trustee of the temple by the Executive Officer of the temple on 20th June 1954, as a result of the order of the High Court restraining the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Administration) Department from administering the temple and its endowments.

(d) & (e) Up-to-date information on these points is not available as the trustee has refused to furnish the information.

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- (f) & (g) Yes. Three complaints were filed against the agent of the trustee, two by the Executive Officer and one by the Head Clerk of the temple. The first related to unauthorised plucking of graft mangoes from the Kalamparamba garden belonging to the temple, the second to the dismantling of the pandal erected by the Executive Officer for festival purposes, and the third to breaking open the gunpowder room of the temple.

In view of the High Court's order referred to above, the first two cases were not treated as cognizable by the police although enquiries were made and action was taken by them to prevent any breach of peace. As regards the third case, as the action of the trustee's agent turned out to be *bona fide*, the matter was not pursued.

Assignment of lands to Harijans, Ponneri taluk

188 Q.—SRI O. CHENGAM PILLAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) the extent of lands assigned to Harijans from the Government lands and by acquisition in the year 1953 in Ponneri taluk; and
- (b) how many applications for loan (takavi) were sanctioned for the benefit of the Harijans in the taluk in the year 1953?

A.—(a) No land was assigned to Harijans from the Government lands in Ponneri taluk in 1953. An extent of 12.11 acres of land was acquired and assigned to Harijans for house-sites in the year 1953 in Ponneri taluk.

- (b) Ten applications were sanctioned and an amount of Rs. 3,100 was disbursed for the benefit of Harijans in the taluk in the year 1953.

Assignment of lands to Harijans

189 Q.—SRI S. VADIVELU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) the number of applications received from Harijans for assignment of Government poramboke lands for cultivation in 1953 and 1954 in the State;

(b) how many applicants were ordered to be assigned these lands;

- (c) the total extent of lands assigned; and

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(d) the average extent of lands assigned to each applicant?

A.—The particulars are not readily available with the Government. The time and labour involved in gathering the information will not be commensurate with the results to be derived therefrom.

Work-charged establishment in Electricity department

190 Q.—SRI C. R. RAMASWAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the number of persons employed under the “work-charged establishment” of the Government Electricity department; and

(b) the different categories of staff employed under this head, their scales of pay, daily wages and other allowances?

A.—(a) Twelve thousand and twenty-four persons as detailed below :—

Work-charged establishment. 698 workers.

Nominal Muster Roll — 11,326 workers.

(b) A statement* containing the different categories of work-charged staff and their scales of pay is appended.

The Nominal Muster Roll workers also belong to work-charged establishment. They are daily paid workers and are paid wages at market rates at their respective places. In the Madras Electricity System the workers are allowed standard wages as detailed below :—

RS.

(i) Highly skilled		3—4—0/0—4—0/6—0—0.
(ii) Skilled		1—12—0/0—3—0/3—10—0.
(iii) Semi-skilled		{ 1—4—0/0—2—0/2—0—0. 1—0—0/0—1—0/1—8—0.
(iv) Unskilled		0—12—0/0—1—0/1—4—0.
(v) Women and boy mazdoors.		0—8—0/0—1—0/0—14—0.

The work-charged staff and Nominal Muster Roll worker are allowed dearness allowance at Government rates. The work-charged establishment are also allowed house rent allowance if employed in places where the allowance is admissible.

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Basic Elementary Schools, Tindivanam taluk

191 Q.—SRI M. VENUGOPALA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Basic Elementary schools in Tindivanam taluk; and

(b) the total amount of grant given to each of them in 1952-53?

A.—(a) Three.

	RS.	A.	P.
(b) Kilsiviri Basic School	1,545	2	0
Edapalayam Basic School	1,005	14	0
Kutteripattu Basic School	1,182	8	0

Adjudication of trade disputes

192 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of trade disputes sent for adjudication during the period from April 1954 to December 1954;

(b) in how many cases awards were given; and

(c) the number of awards that were implemented during these months?

A.—(a) One hundred and twenty-two.

(b) Seventy-five.

(c) Twenty-six.

Graduates of the College of Indigenous Medicine

193 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of graduates from the College of Indigenous Medicine (or equivalent) degree-holders for the past five years; and

(b) how many of them were absorbed in Government service and the posts in which they were appointed with the scale of pay and allowances attached thereto?

A.—(a) The first batch of the graduates of the College of Indigenous Medicine passed out only in April 1952. The total number of graduates passed out till December 1954 is 105.

(b) Only one candidate was in Government service as Lecturer, Grade II (Ayurveda), in the College of Indigenous Medicine in the scale of pay of Rs. 150—25/2—250 plus the usual allowances.

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Contingent staff in Public Works Department

194 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the categories of contingency service staff under the Public Works Department;

(b) the number under each category;

(c) the maximum number of years of service which any person has put in under each category; and

(d) the scale of pay of each category?

A.—(a), (b), (c) & (d) The particulars with reference to the information available are furnished below:—

Categories of contingent staff.	Number under each category.	Maximum number of years of service which any person has put in under each category.	Scale of pay of each category.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
<i>Public Works Department (Irrigation Branch).</i>			
Watchmen	4	Eight years ..	Rs. 10 to 15.
Sweepers	3	Three years ..	Do.
Waterman	1	More than ten years.	Rs. 4 per mensem.
Driver of pick-up van ..	1	One year and ten months.	Rs. 4.5 per mensem.
Gardener	1	Eight years ..	Rs. 10 to 15 per mensem.
<i>Highways Department.</i>			
Watchmen	90	Thirty years ..	There is no fixed scale of pay. The staff are paid from Rs. 2 to 15.
Punkah pullers	84	Eight years ..	
Watermen	9	One year and eleven months.	
Sweepers	12	Seven years and eight months.	
Scavenger	1	Three months ..	
<i>Electricity Department.</i>			
Gurkha watchmen ..	11	Two and half years ..	Rs. 1-4-0 per day.
Watchmen (ordinary) ..	59	Twenty years ..	Rs. 12 to 17 per mensem.
Sweepers	14	Seven years ..	Paid according to market rates fixed by the Collector of the district.
Scavengers	3	Five years ..	
Water boys	8	Three and a half years.	
<i>State Port Department.</i>			
Sweepers	24	Twenty-five years ..	Rs. 2 to 30 per mensem.
Scavengers	3	Fifteen years ..	Rs. 3 to 10 per mensem.
Watchmen	5	Nineteen years ..	Rs. 12 to 30 per mensem.
Head mazdoor	1	Nine years and ten months.	Rs. 36 per mensem.
Gardener	1	Four months ..	Rs. 15 per mensem.
Boy lascar	1	One and a half years ..	Rs. 8 per mensem.
Dhoby	1	Fifteen years ..	As. 4 per mensem.
Police patrol lascars ..	2	Two and a half years.	Rs. 16 per mensem.
Watermen	2	Two years ..	Rs. 5 to 15 per mensem.
Light carrier	1	Two years ..	Rs. 10 per mensem.

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Ca. d. r. s. t. u. g. n. t	Number under each category.	Maximum number of years of service which any person has put in under each category.	Scale of pay of each category.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
<i>Stationery and Printing Department.</i>			
Watermen	2	Eight years	Rs. 15 per mensem.
Sweepers	19	Fifteen years	Rs. 12, 15 and 17 per mensem.
Scavengers	12	Twelve years	Rs. 9 and 15 per mensem.
Watchmen	13	Eight years	Rs. 20 and 30 per mensem.
Carpenters	10	Twenty years	Rs. 30 per mensem.
Tinker	1	Twenty-six years	Rs. 30 per mensem.
Maistries	4	Two years	Rs. 24 per mensem.
Lascars	30	Thirteen years	Rs. 13 per mensem.
Messenger boys	2	Five years	Rs. 20 per mensem.
Cartmen	2	Ten years	Rs. 25 per mensem.
Glaziers	2	Twenty-four years	Rs. 20 per mensem.
Stoker boys	5	Five years	Rs. 20 per mensem.
Binding boys	28	Two years	Rs. 20 per mensem.
Mazdoors	181	Ten years	{ Rs. 13½ per mensem or As. 8 per working day.

Cottage Industries in Madurai and South Arcot districts

195 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the schemes for Cottage Industries to be developed in Madurai district and South Arcot district?

A.—(1) A list of the schemes already sanctioned and of the schemes under the consideration of the Government is given below.

(2) Schemes for a training centre for the manufacture of bamboo articles and mat-weaving and for organization of carpentry and blacksmithy demonstration units in the South Arcot district are being examined by the Director of Industries and Commerce.

Schemes already sanctioned.

(1)

Schemes under consideration of the Government.

(2)

Madurai District.

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| <p>1 Scheme for the development of bee-keeping industry in Usilampatti block.</p> <p>2 Schemes for the establishment of a workshop in T. Kallupatti for providing training in smithy, carpentry, housing designs and construction.</p> <p>3 Scheme for setting up and running of Demonstration Units of Wardha Ghani at Ramarajapuram.</p> <p>4 Scheme for the establishment of a training centre for village oil industry at T. Kallupatti.</p> | <p>1 Scheme for the establishment of a general purpose Engineering Workshop in Periyar Project.</p> <p>2 Scheme for the establishment of a sales emporium at Madurai to promote the sales of handicrafts products.</p> <p>3 Scheme for the establishment of a service centre for loom industry in Dindigul.</p> |
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Schemes already sanctioned.

Schemes under consideration of the Government.

(1)

(2)

South Arcot District.

Nil.

Scheme for the starting of glass bangle and bead training centre in Chidambaram block.

Scheme for starting service units in ceramic industry on cottage basis for making toys, etc., in the Neiveli Lignite Area.

Highway robberies

196 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of cases of highway robbery that occurred in the State in 1954;

(b) the number of persons arrested in connection with those cases;

(c) the number of persons suspected to be involved in their commission;

(d) the value of the jewels, money and other movables recovered from the arrested persons;

(e) the number of persons who suffered personal injuries or were killed in those robberies; and

(f) the number of Police Officers charge-sheeted and punished for not detecting such cases?

A.—(a) One hundred and seventeen.

(b) One hundred and fifty-two.

(c) Forty-seven.

(d) Rs. 5,121-13-6.

(e) Seventy-eight.

(f) Nil.

Drinking water wells for Udayarpalayam taluk

197 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of drinking water wells sunk in Udayarpalayam taluk, Tiruchirappalli district, in 1954 and proposed to be sunk in 1955;

(b) the number of wells sunk and proposed to be sunk, respectively, in caste Hindu and Harijan quarters in the above years; and

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(c) the reasons for the difference, if any, in the figures?

A.—(a) Number of wells sunk in 1954 ... 49

Number proposed to be sunk in 1955 ... 263

(b)

	Caste Hindu quarters.	Harijan quarters.
Number of wells sunk in 1954.	42	7
Number of wells proposed to be sunk in 1955.	164	99

(c) The wells sunk in the caste Hindu quarters are available for the use of Harijans also. Collectors have been instructed to provide a well for each cheri. Efforts are being made to implement this programme.

Village Officers, Malabar

198 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received copies of the resolutions passed by the Malabar District Village Officers' Conference held at Parappanangadi on 30th December 1954 embodying the following demands:—

(1) Increase of pay, dearness allowance and travelling allowance;

(2) educational and medical concessions as allowed to N.G.Os.;

(3) recognition of village officers as full-time Government servants;

(4) special allowance or appointment of additional hands for work connected with land census, etc.; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The remarks of the Collector of Malabar are awaited.

Assistant Commercial Tax Officers in Coimbatore division

199 Q.—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of candidates from backward classes included in the list of Assistant Commercial Tax Officers for Coimbatore division in the year 1949;

(b) the number of such candidates whose services were not regularized; and

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(c) the reasons therefor?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) In 1949, the Coimbatore division as such did not exist. All the districts except Salem in the present Coimbatore division were comprised in the former Southern division and Salem district was in the then Central division. Three candidates belonging to the Backward Classes were included in the list of Assistant Commercial Tax Officers in 1949 from those districts and the services of all the candidates have been regularized.

Betting on New York Cotton Prices

200 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of persons charge-sheeted and punished with fines and imprisonment for betting on New York Cotton Prices in the State from 1st October to 31st December 1954;

(b) the amount of fine collected during the period; and

(c) the number of chief agents, sub-agents and collectors of money on betting who were charge-sheeted?

A.—(a) Two thousand and fifty-three.

(b) Rs. 31,623.

(c) Six chief agents, 185 sub-agents and 1,079 collectors of money were charged.

Minor irrigation works in Pudukottai division

201 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of petitions taluk-war relating to minor irrigation works received from the ryots of Pudukottai division, Tiruchirappalli district, during 1953–54 jamabandi; and

(b) how they have been disposed of?

A.—(a) The number of petitions received taluk-war in 1952–54 was as follows:—

Alangudi	...	...	...	...	38
Kolathur	...	...	...	...	42
Thirumayam	...	...	...	...	Nil.

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(b) The petitions have been disposed of as below :—

1. Alangudi.

(a) Rejected due to the fact that the tanks were repaired only recently	6
(b) Rejected since the tanks were private repair tanks	2
(c) Rejected since the works were kudimaramath works	4
(d) Rejected since the tanks were petty tanks with less than an ayacut of 10 acres	2
(e) Number of petitions regarding which the tanks have been included in the programme of 1954-55	5
(f) Number of tanks to be repaired but could not be taken up immediately and so reserved for inclusion in the subsequent years' programme	19
Total	38

2. Kulathur.

The Tahsildar, Kulathur, has reported that all the 42 petitions related to requests from the ryots for carrying out repairs to Minor Irrigation sources and that he has informed the petitioners that the tanks will be repaired according to the urgency of the repairs and availability of funds.

Takkavi loans in Kurumbranad taluk

202 Q.—SRI K. MOIDU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of applications received during the year 1954 from Kurumbranad taluk for 'takkavi loans';

(b) the number of applications sanctioned; and

(c) the amount of loans disbursed during the year?

A.—

	By the District Agricultural Officer, Tellicherry.	By the Revenue Department.
(a)	354	3
(b)	363	Nil.
(c)	Rs. 49,540	Nil.

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Exemption of plantain leaves from sales tax.

203 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the various articles included in the category of perishables for the purpose of exemption from sales tax and whether green plantain leaf is one of them?

A.—The following perishable articles were exempted from levy of sales tax with effect from 1st April 1954 :—

Eggs, meat and fish (other than canned, preserved, dried or dehydrated fish and meat), flowers, vegetables and fruits (other than potatoes, onions, sweet potatoes, yam and tapioca, garlic, ginger, green chillies and other similar varieties of vegetables which are used as spices and condiments and not as substantial articles of food, nuts, coconuts, dehydrated vegetables, canned, preserved, dried or dehydrated fruits).

The Government have since notified that onions, potatoes, betel leaves and plantain leaves will also be exempted from levy of tax with effect from 1st April 1955.

Government Hospital, Pollachi

204 Q.—SRI P. K. THIRUMURTHI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of beds in the Government Hospital, Pollachi;

(b) the cost of medicines supplied in the years 1952–53, 1953–54 and 1954–55;

(c) what is the quantity of Anti-rabic Serum stocked in the hospital;

(d) whether it is a fact that many patients are refused anti-rabic treatment at Pollachi; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

A.—(a) Thirty-seven.

(b) Rs. 14,760 for 1952–53; Rs. 13,270 for 1953–54; and Rs. 10,000 for 1954–55.

(c) Anti-rabic vaccine is not stocked in hospitals. It is obtained by placing telegraphic indents from the Pasteur Institute, Coonoor, as and when necessary.

(d) No.

(e) Does not arise.

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*Advances to Techno-Chemicals, Limited, Kozhikode, and
Vegetable Oil Products, Limited, Pollachi*

205 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to clause (b) of the unstarred question No. 39 on 7th February 1955 whether the loans of Rs. 1,00,000 and Rs. 50,000 advanced by the Government to the Techno-Chemicals, Limited, Kozhikode, and the Vegetable Oil Products, Limited, Pollachi, respectively, are being repaid according to agreement?

A.—The answer is in the affirmative in the case of the Techno-Chemicals, Limited, Kozhikode.

The Vegetable Oil Products, Limited, Pollachi, has defaulted in repayment of instalments of the loan advanced to it. Steps are being taken for the recovery of the loan amount.

Wells for Harijans in South Kanara district

206 Q.—SRI K. ISHWARA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state how many new wells have been sunk during the last four years in the Harijan colonies in the South Kanara district?

A.—The number of wells dug in the Harijan colonies in the South Kanara district during the last four years ending with 1953-54, is as follows:—

1950-51—2.

1951-52—2.

1952-53—2.

1953-54—8.

Public radios in Tanjore district

207 Q.—SRI N. SIVARAJ: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of public radios installed in the Tanjore district, till the end of 1954 under the National Extension Service Scheme;

(b) whether any buildings raised for this purpose, remain without a radio; and

(c) if so, their number and the reasons therefor?

A.—(a) Eleven public radios have been installed.

(b) & (c) Two buildings, one at Tirumalam in the Tiruthuraipoondi taluk and the other at Mahimalai in

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Papanasam taluk are without a radio. The installation of radios is pending with the panchayat boards concerned.

Loans to agriculturists in Nagapattinam taluk

208 Q.—SRI S. VADIVELU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the amount allotted for the grant of loans to agriculturists towards procuring manures in Nagapattinam taluk, Tanjore district, for 1954-55;

(b) how many applications were received for such loans;

(c) how many were sanctioned; and

(d) the total amount sanctioned?

A.—(a) Rs. 2,00,000.

(b) Five hundred.

(c) Five hundred.

(d) Rs. 88,890.

Koothali Estate

209 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether Sri W. R. S. Sattyanathan, I.C.S., appointed by the Government to conduct an enquiry into the incident at 'Muthukad' and Koothali Estate affairs has submitted his report;

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations embodied in the report and how far they have been implemented; and

(c) whether a copy of the report will be placed on the table of the House?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) It is not in the public interest to disclose the contents of the report as it is of a confidential nature.

It may however be stated that orders to the following effect have been issued by the Government after examining the report submitted by the Board Member:—

(1) The decree in O.S. No. 43 of 1951 on the file of the Sub-Court, Tellicherry, should be executed in full and possession of all the plots should be recovered.

(2) In respect of lands (49.60 acres) covered by the decree in O.S. No. 43 of 1951, the persons already

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evicted and the persons to be evicted should be put in possession of the lands occupied by them and the lands granted to them on annual lease on a rental of Rs. 5-12-0 per acre of wet land and Rs. 2-4-0 per acre of dry land without prejudice to the decision in O.S. No. 81 of 1953 on the file of the Sub-Court, Tellicherry, and subject to certain conditions. In respect of 132.38 acres of land under encroachment in Pillaperuvanna Malavaram the persons concerned should also be allowed to retain the lands occupied by them on annual lease subject to the same terms and conditions referred to above.

- (3) All prosecutions against the persons arrested in connection with the Koothali Estate agitation should be withdrawn and all those persons who were sentenced to imprisonment in connection with the agitation should be released remitting the unexpired portions of their sentences.

(c) Does not arise, in view of (b) above.

Harijan clerks in Tanjore district

210 Q.—SRI S. VADIVELU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of applicants from the Harijan community in Tanjore district for clerical posts, received by the Public Service Commission for each of the years 1952 to 1955 either for competitive examination or for direct recruitment; and

(b) the number selected for each of the above years?

A.—(a) & (b) The information is furnished in the statement below :—

Statement showing particulars regarding the number of applications received from members of the Scheduled Castes in the Tanjore district for clerical posts by the Commission during 1952-55 and the number among them selected in each year.

Year of examination and selection.	Number of applications received.	Number selected.
Group IV Services (Ministerial Services).		
1952-53	9	2
1953-54	10	2
1954-55	10	4
Group II Services (Madras Secretariat Service, office of the Board of Revenue, Local Fund Audit Department, etc.).		
1952-53	Nil.	
1953-54		
1954-55		

NOTE.—Candidates have not been recruited direct for clerical posts by the Madras Public Service Commission without appearing for any competitive examination conducted by that body during the years 1952 to 1955.

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Supply of electricity to villages in Attur taluk

211 Q.—SRI M. P. SUBRAMANYAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the names of villages in Attur taluk, Salem district, for which investigation has been made for the extension of power supply for agricultural purposes; and

(b) when the work will be taken up for execution?

A.—(a) The feasibility of extending electric supply to the following villages in Attur taluk, Salem district, has been investigated:—

1 Kattukottai.

2 Ammapalayam.

3 Sadasivapuram.

4 Thulukhanur.

5 Kallanatham.

6 Mulluvadi.

7 Malliakharai.

8 Arasavatham.

(b) The work on extension of supply to the villages will be taken up for execution in the order of priority, if as a result of the above investigation, it is possible to evolve remunerative proposals for supply of power to the villages.

Sale of quinine

212 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the steps taken now to market the quinine produced in this State?

A.—The following products are manufactured in the Quinine Factory at Naduvattam:—

Group 'A'.

1 Quinine Sulphate powder.

2 Quinine Sulphate tablets.

3 Quinine Hydrochloride powder.

4 Quinine Hydrochloride tablets.

5 Cinchona Febrifuge powder.

6 Cinchona Febrifuge tablets.

7 Totaquina powder.

8 Totaquina tablets.

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- 1 Quinine Bisulphate powder.
- 2 Quinine Bihydrochloride powder.
- 3 Quinine Salisylate powder.
- 4 Quinine Hydrobromide powder.
- 5 Quinine Bihydrobromide powder.

The products mentioned under Group ' B ' are sold direct to the customers by the Manufacturing Chemist, Naduvattam. The products under Group ' A ' are sent to the Superintendent, Central Jail, Coimbatore, for being sold to the customers direct. Packing of quinine and cinchona febrifuge treatment tubes, i.e., tubes of 20 tablets each are also supplied to the post offices for sale. With a view to push up the sales, the Government have since decided to appoint Sri Oakley, Bowden and Company (Madras), Limited, Madras, as the Government's Sales Agents for their quinine products on commission basis and instructed the Director, Cinchona Department, to enter into an agreement with the firm.

Schemes under Five-Year Plan for South Arcot district

213 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the details of Community Project and Block Development schemes undertaken under the Five-Year Plan in the South Arcot district in the year 1954; and

(b) the amount allotted and spent so far?

A.—(a) No new areas were taken up for development under the Community Project or National Extension Service Scheme in the South Arcot district in 1954.

(b) Does not arise.

Harijan Gazetted Officers and Superintendents in the Secretariat

214 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Gazetted Officers and Superintendents in the Secretariat; and

(b) the number of Harijans and Backward Classes persons among them?

A.—(a) The number of Gazetted Officers and Superintendents in all the departments of the Secretariat as on 4th March 1955 was 81 and 179 respectively.

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(b)

		Harijans.	Backward Classes.
Gazetted Officers	Nil.	3	
Superintendents	2	16	

Assistant Inspectors of Labour

215 Q.—SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of applications received for the post of Assistant Inspectors of Labour in 1953–54; and

(b) the number of candidates selected for the posts?

A.—(a) One hundred.

(b) Four.

Pay of Shroffs

216 Q.—SRI O. KORAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the basic pay of shroffs; and

(b) whether any proposal to increase their pay is under the consideration of the Government?

A.—(a)

Grade I—Rs. 70 per mensem.

Grade II—Rs. 40—2—50—1—65 per mensem.

Grade III—Rs. 30—1—45 per mensem.

(b) No.

Minor Irrigation Works, Tindivanam taluk

217 Q.—SRI M. VENUGOPALA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the amount allotted for Minor Irrigation Works in Tindivanam taluk for 1953–54;

(b) the amount so far spent, and the balance, if any;

(c) how many village lakes have been repaired during the last ten years under the Minor Irrigation Works; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to allot Minor Irrigation Works to the Public Works Department?

A.—(a) The amount allotted for Tindivanam taluk in 1953–54 was as follows:—

(i) For Grow More Food works—Rs. 10,190.

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(ii) For works under Minor Irrigation grant—Rupees 38,708.

(b) The amount so far spent is Rs. 2,734 in respect of Grow More Food works and Rs. 43,498 in respect of works under Minor Irrigation grant. The balance to be spent on Minor Irrigation work is Rs. 7,456. A sum of Rs. 4,790 was spent under Minor Irrigation grant over and above the sum allotted.

(c) Five hundred and thirty tanks have been repaired under Minor Irrigation grant and five under the Grow More Food Scheme.

(d) No such proposal is under the consideration of the Government.

Employees in Registration department, Malabar

218 Q.—SRI E. T. KUNHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) how many employees there are in the Registration department (i) in Malabar and (ii) in Ponnani taluk;

(b) how many of them are Harijans (i) in Malabar and (ii) in Ponnani taluk; and

(c) whether this is in accordance with the rule of reservation of posts for Harijans?

A.—(a)	(i)	...	...	...	...	...	629
	(ii)	...	...	...	...	...	102
(b)	(i)	...	...	...	...	...	13
	(ii)	...	...	...	...	...	3

(c) The total number of Harijan employees in the Registration Department in Malabar in the categories of clerks, temporary copyists and temporary section-writers should under the rules be 70. The actual number is however less owing to dearth of qualified candidates.

The rule of reservation of appointments is not observed in the case of last-grade servants. As regards District Registrars, Sub-Registrars and Reserve Sub-Registrars, recruitment is made on a State-wide basis and it is not therefore possible to fix the proportion of Harijan employees with reference to each district.

Secondary and Higher Grade Training Schools for Women, Kozhikode

219 Q.—SRI E. T. KUNHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of students studying in the Secondary and Higher Grade Training Schools for Women at Kozhikode; and

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(b) the number of Harijan students in each?

A.—(a) & (b) The total number of students and Harijans studying in the schools during 1954–55 is as follows :—

	Secondary Grade.		Higher Elementary Grade	
	Senior.	Junior.	Senior.	Junior.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Total number	50	45	141	46
Harijan students.	...	1	4	8

Irregularities in P.C.C. Societies, Malabar

220 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) when the misappropriations that took place in the Mee-nangadi, Iritty, Tavinhal, Nilambur, Ayancheri, Parli, Kongad, Kuttipuram and Pallikkara Producers-cum-Consumers' Co-operative Societies, Limited, Malabar, were found out; and

(b) what steps were taken in each case to recover the amount from persons responsible and how much has been recovered in each case?

A.—(a) & (b) A statement^a containing the necessary particulars is appended.

Admission to Government Basic Training School, Tirur

221 Q.—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether a Committee has been constituted for the selection of candidates for admission to the Government Basic Training School at Tirur in Tiruvallur taluk, Chingleput district;

(b) if so, the names of the members of the Committee;

(c) the number of candidates who applied for admission in the year 1954;

(d) the number of candidates selected; and

(e) how many of them were Harijans?

A.—(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Selection Committee consists of the District Educational Officer or the Inspectress, as the case may be, the Head of the institution concerned, the President, District Board, and one non-official.

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The non-official nominated for the Government Basic Training School, Tirur, is Dr. P. Raghuraman, Kancheepuram.

- (c) 253.
- (d) 40.
- (e) 1.

Co-operative Milk Supply Societies

222 Q.—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the total amount allotted for the organization of Co-operative Milk Supply Societies in this State in 1954;

(b) the amount allotted for Tiruvallur taluk;

(c) the number of Co-operative Milk Supply Societies organized in Tiruvallur taluk;

(d) the amount of loan granted to each society;

(e) whether any subsidy was given to any of the societies for the provision of cattle-shed; and

(f) if so, how much?

A.—(a) No specific provision is made for the organization of milk supply societies as such but provision is made for the grant of loans to milk supply societies and unions for the purchase of milch animals. The amounts allotted for this purpose in 1953-54 and 1954-55 were Rs. 7.64 lakhs and Rs. 7.84 lakhs respectively.

(b) No separate allotments for taluks are made. The allotments made for Madras City and the Chingleput district during 1953-54 and 1954-55 were Rs. 3.42 lakhs and Rs. 3.90 lakhs respectively.

(c) Four milk supply societies were registered in Tiruvallur taluk during 1954.

(d) The amount of loan granted to milk supply societies in Tiruvallur taluk from the allotments for 1953-54 and 1954-55 were as follows :—

1953-54.

		Rs.
Karaikulam Milk Supply Society	..	4,000
Uthukottai Milk Supply Society	—	8,200
Alinjivakkam Milk Supply Society	..	7,000
Ulundai Milk Supply Society	..	11,000
Namasivayapuram Milk Supply Society	..	6,000
Total	..	36,200

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	RS.
Ayalcheri Milk Supply Society ..	4,000
Pannur Milk Supply Society ..	15,000
Mappedu Milk Supply Society ..	7,720
Vellur Milk Supply Society ..	4,000
Viswanathakuppam Milk Supply Society.	10,160
Uthukottai Milk Supply Society ..	4,400
Vishnuvakkam Milk Supply Society ..	6,000
Kilannur Milk Supply Society ..	7,200
Palavakkam Milk Supply Society ..	8,400
Total ..	36,880

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Coir Co-operative Society for Nattika firka

223 Q.—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government received any representation from Sri P. K. Gopalakrishnan, M.L.A., in December 1954 regarding the utilization of relief fund sent by the people of Ceylon through the High Commissioner of India in Ceylon for the purpose of starting a coir co-operative society in Nattika firka; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The starting of a coir co-operative society was not a feasible proposition. It involved the advancing by the Government of a sum of Rs. 1,80,000 as interest-free loans and a sum of Rs. 5,19,750 as subsidy. But the market conditions in respect of coir industry were not favourable. The cost of production was higher than the market rate and the goods produced could not be sold. It was therefore clear that the formation of a coir co-operative society would not relieve the distress among the labourers. The Collector of Malabar therefore proposed that the amount received from Ceylon be utilized for the following purposes :—

(i) A sum of Rs. 2,500 to be spent on distribution among the needy poor people for carrying out repairs to and re-thatching their houses which were damaged by rain;

(ii) a sum of Rs. 6,000 to be spent on purchase and distribution of clothes to poor and needy people;

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(iii) a sum of Rs. 250 for purchase and supply of yarn to poor fishermen; and

(iv) a sum of Rs. 250 for purchase and supply of char-kas for coir-yarn making.

The Government have approved the proposal of the Collector.

Livestock Farms in Malabar and South Kanara districts

224 Q.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the total amount spent for the maintenance of the Livestock Farm (i) in Malabar district, (ii) South Kanara district since their inception up to 31st December 1954;

(b) the amount realized by the sale of cattle and milk from each farm during the above period; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to develop the Malabar Livestock Farm; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

A.—(a) The amounts spent on the Livestock Farms in Malabar and South Kanara from their inception up to 31st December 1954 are as follows:—

Malabar Farm—Rs. 5,04,326.

South Kanara Farm—Rs. 8,43,919.

(b) The amounts realized from the farms in Malabar and South Kanara from the sale of cattle, milk and other farm produce are as follows:—

Malabar Farm—Rs. 67,006.

South Kanara Farm—Rs. 2,34,136.

(c) & (d) The steps taken so far by the Government to develop the farm and those under their consideration are—

(1) An approach road to the farm with culverts was opened in January 1955.

(2) A pump set for the farm to provide irrigation facilities for the raising of fodder crop was sanctioned.

(3) The construction of a semi-permanent goat-shed and service yard has been sanctioned.

(4) It is proposed to undertake construction of residential buildings and non-residential quarters in 1955-56.

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- (5) It is proposed to reclaim 100 acres of forest land adjoining the farm and a beginning has been made by starting reclamation of 30 acres.
- (6) Acquisition of private pocket lands within the farm limits is also under consideration of the Government.

Dismissal of Harijan constables, Coimbatore district

225 Q.—SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) how many Harijan constables were discharged or dismissed from service by the District Superintendent of Police, Coimbatore, from 1952 to 1954; and

(b) how many of them were restored to service on appeals?

A.—(a)

Year.		Number.
1952		2 (Dismissal 1, discharge 1).
1953		1 (Dismissal).
1954		Nil.

(b) None.

Women's Welfare Organization, Mattanoor

226 Q.—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the activities of the Women's Welfare Organization at Mattanoor centre in North Malabar during the year 1953-54; and

(b) the expenditure incurred thereon?

A.—(a) The Women's Welfare Organizer conducted community centres for the benefit of women and pre-basic classes for children. She persuaded the children of school-going age to be sent to schools and helped the parents in admitting their children in the schools. She gave lectures on useful and interesting subjects to the women attending the centre. Cooking demonstrations and monthly meetings were conducted. The members who attended the centres were taught spinning, tailoring, knitting, etc. The Assistant Women's Welfare Officer, during her periodical tours of inspection, instructed the organizer to improve spinning. Some of the members who learnt handicrafts were able to earn wages up to Rs. 3. The organizer has started a bee-keeping industry. Milk powder and vitamin tablets donated by the District Collector were distributed to pre-basic children and nursing and expectant mothers. Medicines

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were supplied to the villagers and many patients were helped in securing admission in the hospitals. Days of National importance were celebrated.

- (b) A sum of Rs. 1,847-8-4 was spent for the maintenance of the branch.

Cinchona Department

227 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Cinchona Department has worked at a loss in 1954-55; and

(b) what are the suggestions made by the department to augment its revenue and whether the Government have considered them?

A.—(a) The accounts of the Cinchona Department for the year 1954-55 will be closed only after 31st March 1955 and audited by the Accountant-General in about August or September 1955 and then only the financial result of the working of the department could be ascertained. But the Director, Cinchona Department, anticipates a loss for the year 1954-55.

(b) With a view to augment the revenue of the department, experimental cultivation of medicinal and essential oil-yielding plants has been taken up and some encouraging results have been obtained. Distillation of eucalyptus oil on commercial scale has also been started and this scheme is working successfully. Commercial cultivation of *vetiver* (yielding khus khus oil) and camphor yielding *Tulsi* has also been started. The possibility of undertaking the manufacture of caffeine, tanning extract and other chemicals in the quinine factories by utilizing any possible surplus capacity, is also being considered. It is hoped to obtain tangible results in some of the schemes in the near future.

Reformatory Institutions for girls

228 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) what the Reformatory Institutions functioning now in the City are;

(b) if so, the number of girls in them—

(1) preparing for—

(i) E.S.L.C. Public Examination; and

(ii) other Government Technical Examinations;

(2) Studying in High Schools and Convent Schools;

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- (3) Studying in Colleges;
- (4) Undergoing Secondary Grade and Higher Elementary Grade Teachers' Training;
- (5) Undergoing Midwifery course; and
- (6) Undergoing Music?

A.—(a) Stri Sadana Rescue Home, Vigilance Home and Girls' Certified School.

(b) (1) (i) 24 (twenty-four).

(ii) 67 (sixty-seven) (includes 40 candidates preparing for the Spinning test).

(2) 6 (six).

(3) Nil.

(4) 11 (eleven).

(5) 10 (ten).

(6) 9 (nine).

Sugar factories.

229 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the total production from sugar factories in the State during the year 1953–54; and

(b) whether the Government have decided on the number of new sugar factories to be opened in the State during the next five years and if so, what it is?

A.—(a) 27,342 tons, Sir.

(b) The Government have not taken any decision regarding the number of new sugar factories to be opened in the State during the next five years.

Special staff for the assignment of lands to the poor and Harijans

230 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Special Revenue Inspectors and Tahsildars employed to implement the scheme for the assignment of lands to the poor and Harijans in the State;

(b) the expenditure incurred so far;

(c) the extent of lands assigned so far; and

(d) the number of poor Harijans benefited?

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A.—(a) to (d) The particulars called for are not readily available. The time and labour involved in gathering the particulars will not be commensurate with the benefit to be derived thereby.

Closure of factories and industries in the City

231 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the number of industries and factories which have been closed in the City of Madras for more than two years?

A.—Thirty-six.

Lands for political sufferers.

232 Q.—SRI C. KANDASWAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the total acreage of lands distributed to political sufferers;

(b) the number of people to whom these lands were distributed;

(c) the total acreage of lands that were brought under cultivation by them;

(d) the total amount of loan given in this connexion; and

(e) whether any amount or land was asked to be returned and if so, how much and from how many?

A.—(a) to (e) The particulars are not readily available. The time and labour involved in gathering the particulars will not be commensurate with the benefit to be derived thereby.

Closure of Government dispensaries

233 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Government dispensaries—districtwise—in the State closed for over (i) six months, (ii) one year, for want of full-time doctors; and

(b) how many dispensaries in the State are being managed by part-time doctors?

A.—(a) (i) Three in Tiruchirappalli district and none in other districts.

(ii) Two in Tiruchirappalli district and none in other districts.

(b) Two under the control of the Public Works Department in connexion with certain projects.

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Maintenance of cows by the Government

234 Q.—SRI M. JAGANNATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of cows kept by the Government for dairy purposes;

(b) the cost of their maintenance in each of the last five years; and

(c) the loss or gain in each year?

A.—(a) No cows are kept by Government for dairy purposes in any of their Livestock Farms.

(b) & (c) Do not arise.

National Extension Scheme and public co-operation

235 Q.—SRI P. G. MANICKAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state as to what steps have been taken so far under the National Extension Scheme to enlist public support and co-operation to achieve satisfactory results in regard to the projects and the schemes sponsored by the Government?

A.—In order to secure public co-operation, Village Development Panchayats or Grama Seva Sanghams have been constituted in all villages. Where statutory village panchayats are functioning effectively, these are utilized for this purpose. Special committees of these panchayats are also constituted with power to co-opt leading villagers for attending to developmental work. In the Block (Advisory Committee) constituted for each Block, non-officials and the local members of the Legislature have been appointed as members. Members of the Bharat Sevak Samaj are also appointed as members of these committees and they are taking a good deal of interest also.

As the works undertaken in these areas are mostly given only to the beneficiaries, public co-operation is readily forthcoming.

MR. SPEAKER:—"Regarding the point of order raised by the hon. Member Sri Narayana Kurup, I must tell the House that question No. 1804 was answered on 31st March 1955 and questions Nos. 1805 and 1806 were answered yesterday." 9-30 a.m.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP:—"Are not the questions taken up in the general order? The original number may be as it is filed . . ."

MR. SPEAKER:—"As soon as we receive the answer, we number the question in the serial order."

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SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—“ I want to know how before taking the questions given notice of earlier three particular questions were answered? ”

MR. SPEAKER :—“ They were short-notice questions.”

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—“ I want to pursue the matter further. There are two numbers to each question. One is given when it is registered in the office and the other is given when the answer thereto is received. The latter number is printed only when it is put for answer.”

MR. SPEAKER :—“ A separate number is given to short-notice questions. Now, I think the hon. Member understands the position.”

[Note.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—PRIVILEGE MOTION *RE* THE ALLEGED OBJECTIONABLE REMARKS OF THE SUB-INSPECTOR OF POLICE, KOZHIKODE, ON 27TH JANUARY 1955 AGAINST THE ASSEMBLY AND PARLIAMENT.

MR. SPEAKER :—“ The hon. Member Sri K. P. Gopalan has given notice of a privilege motion which reads as follows :—

‘It has been brought to my notice that Mr. Moideen Kunhi, Sub-Inspector of Police Kozhikode, on 27th January 1955 was found manhandling some of the workers on Satyagraha in front of Nagee Purushotham Co., Limited, Kozhikode. Sri V. T. Induchudan, Editor, “*Desabhimani*”, a leading Malayalam Daily, who was present on the spot, told the Sub-Inspector that he would take photos and send them to the Assembly. Hearing this the Sub-Inspector is reported to have said in Malayalam to the effect “I care a hang about the Assembly and Parliament.” I enclose herewith a statement signed by the said Sri Induchudan which is marked (A). I have also enclosed a copy of the issue dated 27th January 1955 of *Desabhimani*, in which the views of the insulting remarks made by the Sub-Inspector have been published portion marked (B). The issue dated 28th January 1955 of *Desabhimani* also is enclosed herewith which contains a report of a public meeting held on 27th January 1955, at which a resolution has been passed deprecating the insulting remarks of the Sub-Inspector about the democratic institutions of our Republic, marked (C). I also understand that Sri P. K. Kunhirama Podhuval, B.A., B.L., an Advocate, who presided over that meeting, has forwarded a copy of the resolution to the Hon. the Speaker.

All these facts go to show that the Sub-Inspector of Police has deliberately and intentionally tried to insult this House and bring it into contempt before the people.

I am of opinion that this is a breach of privilege of this House and hence I request that I may be permitted to move that this matter may be referred to the Committee of Privileges.’

“ I want to know whether the Hon. Minister wants to say anything on this matter.”

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—“ Sir, I do not think this would come under ‘breach of the privileges’. Apart from that, I shall have the matter inquired into. In all these things, it is likely to be exaggerated. The Sub-Inspector might have said, ‘I am not concerned with the Assembly’ or any such thing. In